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Freeman Party In Great Revival At Los Angeles, California

The Freeman party has begun a healing campaign in Los Angeles Calif., which promises to be one of the greatest campaigns ever held in that area. For the first five days, the meeting was held in Bethel Temple of which Rev. Louis Turnbull is pastor. The large auditorium seating over 1500 was soon crowded out, and the doors were blocked by meeting time on the fourth day, with hundreds turned away for lack of room. The services were then taken to Calvary Temple at 123 N. Lake street. This was the building used some years ago by Paul Rader. Rev. LeRoy Kopp is now the pastor.

The campaign is, of course, a union meeting and each night when pastors are asked to stand, there are anywhere from 75 to 100 present. The seating capacity of the auditorium, including many folding chairs brought in, is some 3,000. By Thursday of the first week, the building was well filled and some standing.

The first three days of the meeting in Calvary Temple witnessed a most remarkable series of miracles. Deaf, dumb, blind, one after another were delivered. One little girl who had been a deaf mute,

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Schedule of Freeman Healing Campaigns

We regret that we do not have a complete schedule of dates of the coming Freeman meetings. The best information at the time is as follows:

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Beginning in January the Freeman Campaign is being carried on an indefinite period of time at THE CALVARY TABERNACLE, 123 N. Lake, Los Angeles, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Tentative arrangements are made for a return meeting, perhaps in February or March at the GLAD TIDINGS TEMPLE, 1441 Ellis St., San Francisco, Calif.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA—March 20-April 3, Shrine Auditorium. Meetings in the spring are tentatively arranged in the Midwest.

William Branham Returns to Arkansas; Attracts Throngs to Hot Springs

Schedule of Branham Meetings

Word has come of a mutual agreement by Brother Branham and the Canadian ministers to postpone the Canadian meetings to summer. Until then Brother Branham will be holding only occasional services as he feels his strength will allow.

FLASH! When you receive this issue Brother Branham will be in Miami, Florida, in the Miami Gospel Tabernacle, N. W. 5th Ave. and 33rd St. Campaign dates—February 3-9.



The photographer snapped Bro. Branham as he entered the pulpit on the closing night of the Hot Springs Campaign, after which he prayed for hundreds of sufferers.

Representatives From Europe Attend

BY ANNA JEANNE MOORE

The famous resort city of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was the appointed site during the first week of this year for a brief reiteration of the great Divine Healing campaigns which stirred the country thereabout in the latter part of 1946 and early 1947. Residents of near and distant communities flocked to the place of meeting to be ministered unto by Rev. William Branham, now in his third year of this gifted ministry, despite the fact that arrangements for the gathering were made at the last moment, and little opportunity for advertisement given.

Two years ago the state of Arkansas witnessed the mighty impact of the immigration of thousands of outsiders crossing her boundaries, destined for the little city of Jonesboro, where the sensational gospel ministry of Rev. William Branham, former game warden of the state of Indiana and Baptist pastor, was bringing salvation and healing to throngs of anxious seekers who dared believe his story of angelic visitation and endowment of the healing power of Jesus Christ. Since that time, the compassionate touch of this humble servant of God has been felt in sick rooms, hospital wards, churches, schools, tents, and even the largest auditoriums in principal cities from coast to coast, during which time hundreds of miracles of healing have been wrought, draining Brother Branham's physical strength to such an extent that he was forced into a five-month period of inactivity last June. This critical epoch of physical and mental exhaustion was counteracted, no doubt, by the prayers and concern of thousands of devoted friends who had been helped by his ministry, and now wished to stand by him in his time of need. Now Brother Branham has been able to resume some of the great responsibilities of his calling, although strained nerves may yet be somewhat tender; however, these services gave reasonable indi-

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cation that he has lost none of his compassion for the suffering, nor zeal for preaching the gospel, for his fervent, anointed preaching was one of the outstanding features of the meeting.

The campaign began the night of January 5, the first two services being in the Full Gospel Temple, of which Rev. Hendricks is pastor, and continuing through Sunday in the Armory, neither building being nearly large enough to accommodate the crowds. Rev. Hooper of Hot Springs, a friend of Brother Branham, was largely responsible for the arrangements for this campaign, which required long hours of labor, as they were made in the course of only a few days. Several local ministers cooperated in the meeting, dismissing their services, donation of seats, equipment and manual labor.

It was possible for the office staff of *The Voice of Healing*, pictured in January issue, to be present to furnish the music for these services. If time and space would permit, the writer would like to relate some of the interesting incidents of the meeting which impressed us most, but it would be impossible to enumerate the many scenes which are unforgettable to the beholders.

Sick Healed As Branham Preaches

The Holy Ghost anointed preaching of William Branham undoubtedly sowed the good seed of the gospel within the hearts of his hearers, but not only that, invalids arose from their cots in transfiguration as the illuminated messages went forth. I shall never forget the celestial expression on the enraptured face of a dear Arkansas woman, emaciated to a skeleton after months of suffering from TB, who became so enraptured at the preaching that she ascended from her stretcher like an ethereal being and began to dance in the Spirit from one end of the platform to the other. The healing line was no place for her! Others enacted similar feats as the power of God descended upon the host. Many testified to receiving their healing while sitting in the audience. One lady, blind in one eye for 10 years, received full sight and straightening of the eye while at home preparing to come to service. Scores of other instances proved that "the power of the Lord was present to heal."

Pastor of Largest Pentecostal Church in Finland Speaks

One of the extraordinary features of the campaign was the privilege of hearing delegates from the Scandinavian countries who had come to discuss plans for Branham campaigns in Europe. Sweden was represented by Mr. Lauri Wikholm, a Christian business man, and member of the largest Pentecostal church in the world,



Pictured while speaking to his responsive audience in Hot Springs is Brother Manninen, Finnish pastor, and his interpreter, Sister May Isaacson.

the Filadelfia Church in Stockholm. The pastor of Finland's largest (the Saalem Assembly), Rev. Eino Manninen, was the speaker for the Sunday afternoon service, and we consider that event an unexpected delight, especially in remembering the host of earnest seekers who pressed eagerly toward the place of prayer at the close of the message. Speaking to his intrigued audience through an interpreter, Sister May Isaacson (an evangelist working among the Finnish people in America), he told of his conversion which took place some 20 years ago under a table; "But," he exclaimed, "under the table is a good place to be if Jesus is there!" He also related how that the poverty, sorrow and suffering of the war years had brought his native countrymen to such a state of humility that revival was perpetual. Men and women receive the Holy Ghost experience while working in the fields. It was made known that the word of Brother Branham's ministry has spread throughout the Scandinavian countries, and tentative arrangements are being formulated for our brother to visit Europe next fall.

Special mention was made by Brother Manninen of his pleasure at finding Brother Branham to be such a deeply compassionate and humble servant of the Lord; also of hearing so little said in the meetings about finances, and the appreciative, responsive audience.

Various Ministers Present

It was a pleasure to have in the meeting the entire Branham family, Sister Branham, little Rebecca, and 13-year-old Billy Paul; also Brother Branham's brother, and Brother John Sharritt of Phoenix, Ariz.

The report would be incomplete without mention of some of the many ministers attending and working in the meeting. A partial list includes: Jack Moore, Lyle Palmer and Young Brown of Shreveport, Gordon Lindsay, C. M. Goff, T. Richard Reed, G. H. Brown, H. C. Edwards, Pastor Riley, C. P. Williams, A. E. Adams, W. R. Pair, A. G. Downing, and others.

AN APOLOGY TO OUR ARKANSAS SUBSCRIBERS

We wish to offer our humble apologies to all our readers in Arkansas and surrounding states for the recent disappointment many of them experienced in not being informed of the recent Branham campaign in Hot Springs, Ark. It is the policy of the *Voice of Healing* to announce all coming meetings in the current issue, and will continue to be our aim; but in the case of this campaign it was not possible, as we only received news of the arrangements a few days before it was to begin, and the January issue had already gone out. We were privileged to witness five glorious days and nights of blessed services, Jan. 5-9. (See reports in this issue).

Brother Branham Sends Message To Brother Freeman

Dear Brother Freeman:

We have just had a great reunion here in Hot Springs, Arkansas. My own family is with me, and Brother John Sharritt from Phoenix has come. Brother Jack Moore, Brother Young Brown and Brother Lyle Palmer with Brother Gordon Lindsay are here. Also the girls from the office of *The Voice of Healing*. We are just getting started in a brief meeting here in Hot Springs, but all signs point to a fine meeting.

It would be a great pleasure to meet you and talk over things that God has done for both of us. Maybe some day God will permit us to be in a meeting together. I am glad that you have the same vision that God has given me—that is, seeing the church of the Lord Jesus Christ brought together in one great Body.

As you have heard, God has wonderfully healed me from nervous exhaustion. However, I need time to build up my strength. Except for occasional services, I do not expect to be in regular meetings for another six or eight months. In the meantime I pray that God will bless you in your campaigns, and trust that God will help you in the work of unifying the people of God. I shall watch the results of your meetings as they appear from time to time in the *Voice of Healing* publication. May God bless you and may we meet soon.

Yours in His Love,

(Signed) William Branham.

BRANHAM IS 'BACK'

PART II

BY DEL GRANT,

Special Correspondent of Voice of Healing

Yes, Branham, a servant of the Lord, is back with a mighty ministry and a vision for the church, as shared by Brother Freeman and others. We will touch upon that tremendous "vision"—worldwide in scope. The following terse and pointed statements made from the platform from time to time in preaching during the campaign reveal the essence of the "vision" for the last days. These questions are a composite from various messages.

HIS BURNING MESSAGE!

God is going to have a Church "with signs following" today! You are on one side or the other. The Church is in the "wilderness wanderings period. Just like Elisha following Elijah, the Church is 'facing the setting of the sun' and coming to Jordan's banks." He continued by saying, "There must be a crossing over, a change and transition experience. We look back thirty or forty years ago longingly to the experiences of yesterday when we had the signs, but the 'water has gotten cut-off' just like in the wilderness. It has been 'dry' and we have been in a 'desert place,' but thank God, He brought water out of the Rock—that being one of the driest substances and the last expected source of water. Different and strange, but this is God's doing. Like Moses we stand in a strategic spot—'Command Ye'—'Nothing shall stand in the way, not even cancer, if you can get the people to believe'."

Like Elisha following Elijah through the three stages of the journey so the Church is on the march and is entering the third stage, at present, in direct line to the "promised land of blessing." Nothing less than a "double portion of power" will satisfy hungry hearts everywhere. Just as Elisha did two miracles to one of Elijah's, one eight and the other sixteen, so the ratio will be carried out today. As Christ said, "Greater works than these shall ye do because I go unto the Father." The burning question, "On which side of Jordan are you counted to dwell on?"

Emphasizing the need and necessity of having the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, he remarked, "I never had the 'gifts' confirmed in my life until I received the Baptism." He continued, "Gifts are given to the Church today as a warning that Jesus is coming soon. Judgment is going to follow, but God never sends judgment until after He first warns the people. God never announces any new dealing with man until He shows His power. Man is God's agent and the Holy Spirit always works through man. I want my experience to match God's Bible. Thousands will blind their eyes because of tradition. Moses, a

'gifted' man, was ministering to a dying people, and there are dying people now."

He was admonished by a fellow Baptist preacher to: "preach the Gospel but stay away from Divine Healing" when he went to the Pacific Coast. His answer is seen in this statement, "The time has come when the 'gifts' are going to be restored to the Church, His Body. It is the 'gifts' that are needed and I believe the time has come when He is going to restore the nine spiritual gifts to churches of many denominations and not to just one church or individual. Local churches of many groups will have the gifts operating in them.

"I have nothing against any church organization, they have an important place, but God just doesn't anoint an organization. Of old they expected 'it' to come one way, and it came another way. God does things visa versa from what we think. Works of God, altogether different than

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expected, have always accompanied great revivals of the Church to prove God is not stereotyped, although man and committees might be. Multiplied throngs have always failed to see it as in Christ's day. It is not Communism we have to fear, but the 'work at the core' of apostatized Christianity.

"Now is the time I urge you to receive—not tarry! God has not set His seal of approval on any one special group, but will no doubt take jewels from each church. This is the last hour of the Church age. History shows that if a church fails, it is never revived. A new order is ushered in and it is by-passed with God bringing up something different. God wants to restore the gifts to every church. Out of the church will come a people and an universal revival. *There will be persecution.* Protestantism can be divided into three periods; namely, Luther's coming out of the Church of Rome, the Wesleyan Revival, and lastly, the era of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This, the last revival, cannot be roped in by either side. No group has a monopoly on it. Many churches are concerned with arguing. I enter into none of these controversies. I am a guest of Brother Bosworth's in the Seattle joint-meeting, and I understand no certain church is sponsoring it but all are invited to cooperate. I wish to thank all

the ministers that have turned services out to cooperate."

"Most wonderful thing that has ever come to Seattle!" said Harry Lister, a retired photographer and usher in the meeting, when interviewed. He has been resident in Seattle since 1904. That the meeting definitely fostered a spirit of fellowship among many church people is evidenced by the impressive fraternal gesture in one service when a pause suggested it was an old fashioned "hand shaking" time with a stirring "handkerchief wave." Old melodies like "This is Like Heaven to Me," "Amazing Grace," and "The Great Physician Now is Here" were lustily sung by the filled auditorium.

MISSIONARY ENCOURAGED

Many missionaries and ministers were healed including one who had just flown out of Palestine with T. B. and left to die. The last report before he came to the service was, "No hope and a turn for the worse." This Mr. Scut had an orphanage and had adopted six children who that very day were being dedicated to the Lord at the local Bethel Temple Church, one of the cooperating churches. He came to the service a cot case on an ambulance stretcher, but walked alone off the platform with blanket in hand, shaking hands and embracing his wife at altar happily rejoicing. Pastor Offiler of Bethel Temple and other missionaries present from his church were greatly encouraged.

"HEALING FOR THE NATIONS"

Missionary Ray Jackson, just returned from Japan, the Dutch East Indies and New Zealand, remarked, "I have never seen anything in this line on any mission field. This is what Japan needs. I would like to take him there. Japan is ripe. They have tried everything and it has failed. They have simple faith and would be receptive to this healing ministry."

A minister with T. B. and cancer, who had gone into secular business, was healed and testified that now he would return to the mission field. Another missionary was healed of cancer.

HEALINGS BEFORE PRAYED FOR

Some of the first healings were those of people who were healed even before Brother Branham prayed for them. "You are healed of cancer, kidney trouble, and of bad circulation without one word of prayer," said Evangelist Branham. A man in the crowd in front of the platform sat with ear phones, when suddenly our brother turned away from the prayer line and shouted out, "Get up here on the platform—you are healed." I noticed his wife whispering to him later as his hearing aid lay flung, forgotten, over his shoulder. Like a lightning flash a gray haired man on his back on a cot was told to arise. His faith had saved him.

PRAYERS AND PLEADINGS REPEATED

In strange contrast, other severe cases required prayer after prayer to ascend heavenward.

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Excellent Report of Freeman Meeting in Grants Pass, Oregon

BY MRS. L. D. HALL

We have just closed the third meeting with Brother Freeman here in Grants Pass Assembly of God, having had two other healing campaigns here in April and May. These meetings have proved to be a great blessing to the church and the surrounding territory. Along with Brother Freeman's ministry of the Gifts of Healing, is a ministry also to the unsaved. Each night he preaches with a real anointing and compassion for the lost. As a result, many come forward to find Christ as their Lord and Saviour. One thing that is outstanding is the manner in which the altar calls are given. Brother Freeman is not in a hurry in making the invitation, but he takes as much or more time to deal with the lost as he does to minister to the sick. He invites those to the platform who really want to come to the Lord. There they stand while he pleads with others. After all have come that will come, he then prays individually with each one. After this they are taken to the prayer room to be dealt with individually by altar workers. A report is made of each, so that the follow-up work may be

was heard to say, "It works!" Also a young woman received full sense of smell. One woman declared that while she was being prayed for a tumor melted away. A sister sitting in the audience was healed while others were being prayed for. We continue to hear of healings that have taken place gradually since being ministered to by Brother Freeman.

On the last night of this third meeting, about fifty persons testified to what God had done for them in previous meetings with Brother Freeman. One lady here in the church testified how God healed her of cancer on the nose. Another, a young man, who had been brought in on a stretcher and was given up to die, and also was blind, was healed, and he is a living testimony to the healing power of God. A sister who was afflicted with tumor, had been marvelously delivered, after having passed it in three different pieces. Sugar diabetes was healed. On and on the testimonies go telling of God's great deliverance in these days.

Rev. L. D. Hall Now With Freeman Party



During the past several months, Rev. L. D. Hall has been an official member of the Freeman party. He has been active in various capacities assisting in the multitudinous duties of the campaigns, which include speaking in the afternoon services, assisting in the direction of the meetings at night and other duties. Besides all this, he is the pastor of a fine church at Grants Pass, Oregon.

It has been the editor's privilege to have known Brother Hall for a long time. Both were saved under the ministry of Dr. John G. Lake, and, together with Rev. Tom Welch, all entered the ministry together, holding the first campaign in a tent in El Cajon, California. Shortly after this, Rev. Hall married the editor's sister who was Miss Gladys Lindsay at the time. Brother Hall assisted in the founding of several churches, including one at Lincoln, California. Afterwards, he was pastor at Taft, and later Coalinga, California, for a number of years, finally coming to Grants Pass, Oregon, in the year 1939. He has been located there during the past ten years, during which time he superintended the building of a beautiful modern church and parsonage. In recognition of his services, the church at Grants Pass has given our brother an indefinite leave of absence while he labors with Rev. Freeman in healing campaigns.

Brother Freeman held two campaigns for Brother Hall in Grants Pass before he launched out in the great city-wide meetings. He held a three-day meeting for Brother Hall during the New Year week-end. Mrs. Gladys Hall has sent us a brief report of the results of the meetings at Grants Pass.



Rev. Freeman conducts 3-day meeting in Grants Pass, Oregon, for his co-director, Rev. L. D. Hall. This beautiful church was built under the supervision of Bro. Hall. Rev. Atwood Foster, Superintendent of the Oregon Assemblies of God, took this picture in the New Year's Service.

done after the campaign. Surely this healing ministry is resulting in the salvation of many precious souls.

Now let us see what was accomplished along healing lines. We saw some instantaneous healings as Brother Freeman rebuked the demons that are the root cause of sickness and affliction. One boy was jubilant as his sense of smell was restored, and it was proven before our very eyes as he smelled of peppermint, gum and perfume. Upon returning to his seat, he

In closing, let us say that the results of these meetings cannot be over-estimated. The church is edified. Faith is definitely increased. People are stirred to seek the face of God. Even those who have not attended the meetings hear via "the grapevine" what is taking place. Townspeople inquire as to what is going on. God's people have greatly benefited at the close of such services. And it is a proven fact that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever.

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Life Story of William Branham

It is with much regret that we announce to our readers a further delay in the continuation of Brother Branham's life story. He has been so pressed for time, and until after this issue went to press, we were not able to transcribe the next installment. Fortunately, on a morning when he was snow-bound in Shreveport, our brother was able to dictate the next phase of the story, and we assure our anxious readers that chapter III will appear in the March issue of The Voice of Healing.

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Editorial—**Do You Have an Outstanding Answer to Prayer?**

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A "Thank You" To Those Who Have Helped

From time to time we have mentioned the demand for copies of *THE VOICE OF HEALING* for free distribution. We have done our best, but the demand far outdistances our resources to supply. We greatly appreciate those who have been kind enough to send donations for this purpose. One person alone sent \$40, which meant that perhaps 1500 people were given the message of the gospel of healing and salvation. Please keep up this good work. The requests are many, and the field is unlimited, if funds were available.

The Voice of Healing Will Be Read By All

Most religious publications are read by people who are already Christian. *THE VOICE OF HEALING* is unique in this respect. People seeing the photographs of the large crowds, the testimonies of the great miracles of healing, are fascinated to the extent that they will sit down and read the magazine through.

While in Shreveport recently we met some of the personnel of the staff of the large newspaper which prints *THE VOICE OF HEALING*. One of the ladies, by way of compliment, complained that they could not keep copies of *THE VOICE OF HEALING* on their regular office files. People attracted by the unusual testimonies and features of the magazine, persisted in taking the copies from the files. This is an interesting testimony, coming as it does from a large metropolitan newspaper. We do believe that this magazine carries the message of the gospel in a way that gives it access to the eyes of the people who ordinarily never read a gospel publication.

Renewals

The time draws near when the subscriptions of many will soon expire. Many have already renewed. Why not sit down this moment and send us your renewal. In this way you will not miss a single issue. And

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON DIVINE HEALING

(The purpose of this column is to give help to those who have special problems or questions concerning deliverance from sickness and affliction. If you have a question that is of sufficient general interest, the answer will be printed in this column. We cannot enter into discussions of controversial theological subjects, but we shall try to make this column a practical help to those in physical need. Address such questions to "Question and Answer Editor, The Voice of Healing, Box 4097, Shreveport, La." All letters must be signed, but writer's name will be withheld upon request.)

QUESTION 8. WHY IS IT THAT SOME, IN PRAYING FOR THE SICK, DO NOT USE ANOINTING OIL?

The command to anoint with oil was given by James in his instructions to the elders who were to pray for the sick. "Let them call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up."—James 5:14-15.

We find also that the twelve apostles, at the beginning of their ministry, anointed with oil. "And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them."—Mark 6:13. It is generally agreed that the purpose of the oil is to symbolize the presence of the Spirit of God in the healing of the afflicted one. This, of course, must be true, for admittedly the oil alone has no power to heal.

Human beings living in a natural world, seem to grope for visible tokens to stimulate their faith, when believing for the unseen power of the spiritual world. Gideon requested that the Lord let dew fall alternately on the fleece and the ground as evidence of victory over the Midianites.—Judges 6:36-40. A sign of the shadow going back ten degrees on the sun-dial was given to Hezekiah as a token of his recovery.—II Kings 20:8-11. The presence of the anointing oil signifies to the sick person that the prayer of faith had been made, the the Spirit of the Lord is indeed present to heal, and the promise of deliverance will be fulfilled.

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Our Visit With Rev. William Branham

It was a great pleasure to be with Rev. William Branham in the Hot Springs, Arkansas, meeting for two nights. We had the privilege of speaking one afternoon, and at the close of the message, some fifty people responded to the altar call, which was a specific call for sinners and backsliders only. We were unable to stay the whole time of the meeting, but we witnessed some fine miracles while we were there, and we know that the brief cam-

However, where the Gifts of healing are manifest in great power, the anointing with oil is perhaps superfluous. When people witness the deaf hearing, the blind seeing, the dumb speaking, the symbols are hardly necessary. People are already convinced that the power of the Lord is present to heal. Thus, in the actual ministry of Christ, we do not find Him anointing with oil. The manifest power of His ministry was sufficient, and stronger than any symbolic evidence. Although Peter anointed with oil during the days of his early ministry, yet we find that after the day of Pentecost, he apparently dispensed with this. To the lame man he said, "Look on us . . . In the name of Jesus Christ rise up and walk."—Acts 3:4-6. Even those who lay in his shadow as he passed by were healed, although they were not prayed for, much less anointed with oil.—Acts 5:15.

Nevertheless some men who have had outstanding ministries of healing, have continued to anoint with oil as they prayed for the sick. There is no reason why they should not continue this preference. Indeed, in most cases it is perhaps desirable.

QUESTION 9. SHOULD HANDKERCHIEFS OR CLOTHS THAT ARE PRAYED OVER AND WHICH ARE TO BE LAID UPON THE SICK ACCORDING TO ACTS 19:12 BE ANOINTED WITH OIL?

There is no Scriptural evidence that handkerchiefs for the sick were anointed with oil. The sick person is not present at the time and does not get the benefit of the symbolic use of the oil. Paul took the handkerchiefs or cloths and placed them against his body, and the power of God was impregnated in them. In one sense we may truly speak of them as anointed handkerchiefs, although they be not anointed with oil. For they have become the repository of the power of the Spirit, just as we may speak of a minister receiving an anointing of the Holy Spirit to preach.—(I John 2:27; II Cor. 1:21.)

paign climaxed in a mighty manifestation of the power of God.

Our New Book on Divine Healing

Among the multitude of other duties we hope to have time to complete our book on Divine healing. It is to be a rather complete textbook on the subject, both from the standpoint of the ministry of the prayer of faith, and the Gifts of Healing. One great objective is to show people how to remove the cause of sickness, so that after they have been healed they may stay healed. Its great purpose is to bring the Christian into the fulness of the promise "And I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." (Exod. 23:25.)

The fifth in a series of Divine Healing Classics

"Smith Wigglesworth . . . Apostle of Faith"

BY STANLEY HOWARD FRODSHAM

Condensed from the new book "Smith Wigglesworth—Apostle of Faith," by Stanley Howard Frodsam. Used by special permission.

We spent an enjoyable evening some weeks ago with Brother Frodsam, who for many years has been editor of the widely circulated "Pentecostal Evangel." Brother Frodsam knew Smith Wigglesworth intimately over a long period of time and had gathered from him authentic information of his life and ministry. It was natural that Brother Frodsam should be the one to write the biography of this great man of God. We appreciate the privilege that our brother graciously gave us to use such material from this book as we might desire. The book, "Smith Wigglesworth, Apostle of Faith," may be secured from our Shreveport office for \$1.50. We suggest that our readers obtain a copy of this faith-inspiring biography.

The year 1859 is known as that of the great Irish revival. Two years previously, a mighty awakening had come to America. Prayer meetings had been held in every large city, and were attended by thousands of people. As men called on God, the Spirit of the Lord mightily worked, and it was estimated that every month fifty thousand souls passed from death unto life. In Wales Christmas Evans was engaged in a wonderful evangelistic ministry. At the same time, the hearts of many who were attending the Wesleyan Methodist Churches throughout Great Britain were "strangely warmed." One of their evangelists, William Booth, was singularly used. It was in this revival year of 1859, in a humble shack in Yorkshire, England, that Smith Wigglesworth was born.

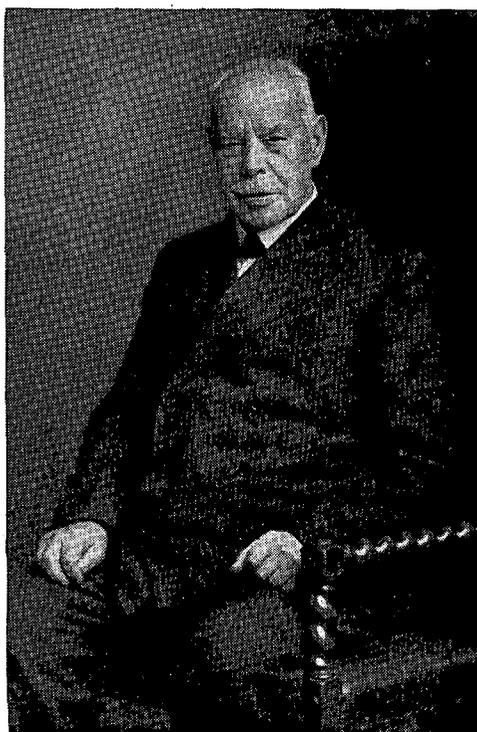
From the time of his conversion at a tender age, he became a soul winner, and the first person he won to Christ was his own mother. At nine years of age, he went to work in a mill, and was thus robbed of an education. At the age of sixteen, the Salvation Army opened up a work at Bradford, and he labored as a lay member with them. In those days they had great power, and often they had all night prayer meetings. While with the Salvation Army he met Mary Jane Featherstone who later became his wife. Of her he testifies, "All that I am today I owe, under God, to my precious wife. Oh, she was lovely!" Together they labored under the banner of the Army, and many were the souls that were won to Christ through their efforts.

LEARNS OF THE MINISTRY OF DIVINE HEALING

Brother Wigglesworth was a plumber and had to go to Leeds one day each week to purchase plumbing supplies. In this town he found a place where there was a Divine Healing meeting. He began to hunt up sick people in Bradford and he would pay their way to Leeds, where the prayer of faith was offered for them. One day, to the minister who had a gracious ministry of healing, Sister Wigglesworth said,

"What do you think of a man who preaches Divine Healing to others, yet himself uses medical means every day in his life?"

"I should say that that man did not fully trust the Lord," was the answer. Of course Mrs. Wigglesworth was referring to her husband, who from childhood had suffered from hemorrhoids, and deemed it necessary to use salts every day to prevent bleeding and possible infection. Brother Wigglesworth took the hint. He asked the brother to stand by him in faith, for in the natural he knew he would have great pain and bleeding through not using the salts.



Smith Wigglesworth

After that Sunday he did not take his daily dose of salts. Wednesday the crisis came. At a certain hour he went into the bathroom and anointed himself with oil according to James 5. From that day he could testify, "God undertook. I was perfectly healed. From that day forward my bowels functioned perfectly without the use of any means whatsoever. I have proved that God is enough."

HE BEGINS TO PREACH

The leaders of the mission knew that Wigglesworth had a compassion for the sick, and one day they said to him: "We want to go to the Keswick convention and we have been thinking whom we should leave to do the work. We can only think of you. We trust you to take care of the work while we are away." A flash came to his mind: "Well, any number of people

can talk. All I have to do is take charge." The following week at meeting time the place was full of people. But when he looked for someone to do the speaking, they all said, "No, you have been chosen and you must do it." So he had to begin. When he had finished speaking 15 people came to be prayed for. One of these was a man from Scotland who hobbled on a pair of crutches. "I prayed for him and he was instantly healed. There was no one so surprised as I was. He was jumping all over the place without his crutches. This encouraged the others to believe God for their healing and all the people were healed." (We continue the narrative, using Brother Wigglesworth's own words as recorded by Brother Frodsam.)

A VISION OF CHRIST AS HE PRAYED FOR SICK WOMAN

A woman who was very ill called on me to pray for her. I carried a small bottle holding a half pint of oil. I was a novice at that time and didn't know any better, so I poured all the contents of that bottle of oil over Mrs. Clark's body in the name of Jesus! I was standing beside her at the top of the bed and looking towards the foot, when suddenly the Lord Jesus appeared. I had my eyes open gazing at Him. There He was at the foot of the bed. He gave me one of those gentle smiles. I see Him now as I tell this story to you. I have never lost that vision, that vision of that beautiful soft smile. After a few moments He vanished, but something happened that changed my whole life. Mrs. Clark was raised up and filled with life, and lived to bring up a number of children.

GIVEN UP TO DIE—THEN HEALED

My wife and I saw that we could not go just half-measures with God. If we believed in Divine Healing we would have to be wholeheartedly in it; so we pledged ourselves to God and then to each other. This consecration to trust God seemed to bring a new order in our lives. We looked into each other's face and said, "From henceforth no medicine, no doctors, no drugs of any kind shall come into our house." It is very easy when in health and strength to make pledges and utter vows, but it is being faithful when the time of testing comes that counts. Little did we know that shortly after we were going to have such a test.

One Sunday, while in an open-air meeting, a violent pain gripped me. Two men supported me and brought me home. We prayed all night. The next morning I said to my wife, "It seems to me that this is my home-call. We have been praying all night and nothing has happened; I am

worse. To save embarrassment of having an inquest, and the condemnation of outsiders, we should call a physician." Poor thing! She was in sad plight, with all the little children all around her, and there seemed no hope whatever. She broke down and left me and went to see a physician—not for him to help me, for she did not think he could help me, but believing that the end had come.

When the doctor came he examined me, shook his head, and said, "There is no hope whatever. He has had appendicitis for the past six months and his organs are in such a shape that he is beyond hope." When he got out of the room, an elderly lady and a young man came in. She was a great woman to pray and believed that everything that was not of health was of the devil. While she prayed, the young man knelt on the foot of the bed with both knees, laid his hands on me and cried out, "Come out, devil, in the name of Jesus."

To my surprise the devil came out and I felt as well as I had ever been in my life. I was absolutely free from pain. As soon as they had prayed for me I went downstairs. When I got downstairs, my wife cried, "Oh!" I said, "I am healed." She said, "I hope it is true." I immediately went to work on a plumbing job. While I was working, the doctor returned. My wife said, "O Doctor he is out. He has gone back to work." The doctor answered, "They will bring him back a corpse as sure as you live." Well the "corpse" has been going up and down the world preaching the gospel these many years since that time.

BEGINNING OF A GREAT HEALING MINISTRY

There was a case of a young man who was all doubled up like the woman in the Bible. Jesus called it the spirit of infirmity, indicating that she was bound by an evil spirit. That day that young man was loosed and set free, just as the woman was loosed in the synagogue. Christ in His healing ministry said that she was bound by an evil spirit. Jesus said He was working the works of God, and said if we believed, we also could do the works of God. He cast out the spirit of infirmity; so I cast out the spirit of infirmity in the name of Jesus, and immediately the young man was made straight, and everyone was blessing the Lord for the miracle they saw.

A WOMAN DIES: IS RAISED FROM THE DEAD

I remember one day I was asked to visit a woman who was dying. When I got into the room where the woman was, I saw there was no hope as far as human aid was concerned; she was suffering from a tumor and it had sapped her life away. I said to my friend, "We will pray with her and anoint her." After we anointed her, her chin dropped. My friend said, "She is dead." He was afraid. I have never seen a man so frightened in my life. "What shall I do?" he asked. You may think what I did was absurd, but I reached over

into the bed and pulled her out. I carried her across the room, stood her against the wall and held her up, as she was absolutely dead. I looked into her face and said, "In the name of Jesus I rebuke this death." From the crown of her head to the sole of her feet her whole body began to tremble. "In the name of Jesus, walk!" And she walked.

Later the woman testified that she had left this life and witnessed heaven. She said: "I feel I must tell you what Glory is like. I saw countless numbers of people; and oh! the joy and the singing! It was lovely; but the face of Jesus lit up everything. Just as I was having a beautiful time the Lord suddenly pointed to me without speaking, and I knew that I had to go. The next moment I heard a man say, 'Walk, walk in the name of Jesus!'"

THE WOMAN POSSESSED WITH 37 DEVILS

I received many telegrams and letters asking me to go to pray for a certain woman in London who was demon-possessed. When I arrived at the home they led me up into a balcony. I went through a door and I have never seen such a sight as that in my life. I saw a beautiful young woman, but she had four men holding her down to the floor, and her clothing was torn as a result of the struggle. The demon-powers that were inhabiting this young girl spoke and said: "I know you. You can't cast us out; we are many!"

"Yes," I said, "you are many, but my Lord will cast you all out." It was a wonderful moment. The power of Satan was so great upon this beautiful girl that in one moment she whirled and broke away from these strong men. The Spirit of the Lord was wonderfully upon me, and I went right up to her and looked into her face. I saw the evil powers there; her very eyes flashed with demon power. "Though you are many," I cried, "I command you to leave at this moment, in the name of Jesus." She instantly began vomiting. During the next hour she vomited out thirty-seven evil spirits and she named every one of them as they came out. The next day she was made perfectly whole. That morning at ten o'clock I sat at the table with her at a communion service.

HIS CHALLENGE TO THE SICK

Mr. James Salter, son-in-law of Brother Wigglesworth, recalls some remarkable incidents in the healing campaigns: "Wigglesworth would often startle us in a meeting by saying, 'Just to let you see that the Lord is in our midst and His power is present to heal and to bless we are going to have an exhibition, a demonstration. In the Acts of the Apostles we read of 'all that Jesus began to do and to teach.' His doing preceded his teaching. Every sermon that Christ preached was prefaced by a modern miracle. We are going to follow His example. The first person in this audience who stands up whatever his or her sickness, I'll pray for that one and



Stanley Howard Frodsham, author of the new book, "The Story of Smith Wigglesworth, Apostle of Faith," and who, for many years has been editor of "The Pentecostal Evangel."

God will deliver him or her." Mr. Salter says:

"How often our hearts quaked as we have heard him make that bold announcement, for there would be cancers, consumptives, people in wheel chairs, others lying on folding beds, twisted, pitiful cases of all kinds of diseases. Secretly we hoped that one of the simple cases would stand; and not one of the far-gone cancer cases or deformed cripples.

"On one occasion we shook in our seats as, in answer to the challenge a poor twisted, deformed man, having two sticks for support, struggled to his feet. When Brother Wigglesworth saw him he did not turn a hair. In a characteristic manner he asked, 'Now you; what's up with you?' After he had taken stock of the situation, he said, 'All right, we will pray for you.' He had the whole assembly join with him in prayer, and then addressing the man, he said, 'Now put down your sticks and walk to me.' The man fumbled for a long time; and then let his sticks fall to the ground and began to shuffle along. 'Walk, walk!' Brother Wigglesworth called, and the man stepped out. 'Now run,' he commanded, and the man did so to the unbounded amazement and great joy of all who were present, and to our unbounded relief."

HEALING IN SWEDEN WITHOUT LAYING ON OF HANDS

In Sweden his preaching of Divine Healing and water Baptism so stirred up some ministers of religion that they presented a petition to parliament. This resulted in Brother Wigglesworth being forbidden to touch the people or lay hands on any of them in public for their healing. One day he was preaching in a park when it was estimated that a crowd of 20,000 people had gathered to hear him. A number of government representatives had gathered

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Letters to the Editors

Minister Has Vision of Christ

Dear Editor:

I look forward to getting THE VOICE OF HEALING more than any other paper I have taken. It really is a blessing and an inspiration. I want to report a vision I had some time ago to substantiate your stand on Christ's Soon Coming.

Some time ago I became burdened to see something unusual in revival power, and the burden became so heavy I resorted to fasting. I determined to get an answer from God. I set a special time for prayer early in the morning from five to seven A. M. I had never fasted much and I had a struggle for some few days.

This was near the time that Brother Branham came here and I felt God was in his coming. On the 15th day of my fast I was going through a terrible battle, a little discouraged. About 4 P. M., I went to my room to pray, as I had to preach that night. I prayed for some time, and as darkness came on it seemed God drew near. I have never been given to visions and was somewhat skeptical of them. But it seemed I was outside of the house and looking up into the sky. Big white thunderheads were rolling up and it seemed like day. The clouds were beautiful, and as I watched, an angelic being appeared. I thought at first it was Jesus, but then I saw clearly it was an angel. Then immediately Jesus appeared standing on a beautiful snow white thunderhead. I cried out again in ecstasy and prayed.

Though I was conscious I was at my bedside, yet it seemed that I was raised up into the air where I could clearly see. As the Lord stood there my attention was drawn beyond the clouds to an azure sky and lights flashing similar to the Northern Lights. A voice said, "Your prayers are heard aloud in heaven." Then my attention was drawn to the right where a beautiful white gate appeared. But it was shut and this startled me into praying and heart searching. Soon the gates opened of their own accord and I got a glimpse of mansions beyond. Then Jesus appeared in the center of the gate, and the old song began to reverberate as if I was singing from my soul, "Bring them in from the fields of sin." This scene disappeared and Jesus stood again on the thunderhead. A large tree appeared before me with spreading foliage and large trunk. My eyes followed the trunk to the bottom and there the tree had been chopped all around with only a little holding it up. A voice again said, "The wicked is like the green bay tree, but suddenly it shall be cut down."

I looked again and saw Jesus standing there in readiness for some act. Then the clouds rolled up behind him and there appeared people by the thousands. These

were "the cloud of witnesses" who shall return with Jesus. That closed the vision, but through it God has made me feel that things are about to wind up.

Rev. Shelburn Trent,
P. O. Box 2621
Orlando, Fla.

Nov. 17, 1948.

I got my subscription number today of the September issue. It's truly amazing and so interesting. I think this startling and revealing publication of true witnessing should be in the hands of all true seekers regardless of race, color, or creed.

Ivan Henderson
6005 N. Ridge Ave.
Chicago 26, Ill.

Concerning Testimony of Thomas Welch

Dear Editor:

This publication strikes a chord in my heart for God has been mightily manifesting His power to heal in our midst. Had the blessed privilege of attending the Freeman meetings in San Jose, Calif., and saw there the manifestation of the sons of God which we have been praying for and waiting to see.

The article by Brother Thomas Welch attracted my attention greatly, having preached in that little white schoolhouse up at the Bridal Veil Timber Mill myself. Last Thursday he and Brother Collins occupied our prophet's chamber upstairs, which overlooks the mighty Pacific Ocean. It was a blessing to have these men in our home.

Rev. Nellie Gordon Curtis
Box 1296
Newport, Oregon

The testimonies and marvelous articles, written by the brethren are truly inspiring. Causes me to desire to go to deeper depths and higher heights in God.

Mrs. Lester Rogers
General Delivery
Russel, Kansas

Former Member of Dr. Dowie's Church Writes

Please enter my name on your subscription list. From what I have heard of the ministry of Brother Branham I feel that I shall be much interested in your publication.

Perhaps you too are acquainted with Miss Katherine Kuhlman who is conducting her eighth week of services at the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa., during which many notable healings have taken place through her ministry, for which she gives all the credit to the Lord.

I once was a member of the late John Alexander Dowie's church in Zion, Ill.,

where hundreds of high-heeled boots and shoe-crutches and braces were hung on the walls of the tabernacle as a testimony to the Lord's healing powers. This was about 45 years ago.

Sincerely your friend and fellow servant.

Wm. Henry Wehner
Route 2, Box 175
Allison Park, Pa.

(Editor's Note: Your editor was born in Zion City, but left before he can remember anything of it. He is interested in securing copies of the old LEAVES OF HEALING or other literature of events occurring in the ministry of Dowie or the early days of Zion. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to help us in this.)

Pastor Sees Results of Branham Meeting Last May

Dear Brother Lindsay:

Our home missionary has been contacting through prayer cards those prayed for in the Branham meeting. Thus far the reports indicate a splendid number which received their healing. Last week we contacted a lady previously of the Catholic faith. She received a remarkable tumor healing. X-rays, I understand, were taken. She was also healed of arthritis of the spine. Her name is Rita Tope, 157 Brook Street. She is now attending our church.

Our church was definitely blessed and has continued to show a steady growth since the meetings of Brother Branham, some of which can be definitely attributed to the healing ministry.

But something else has been happening in our midst to rejoice our hearts. I have been earnestly praying and seeking the Lord to manifest His power in our services in a remarkable manner. The past two weeks has shown a definite indication in that direction. Everyone prayed for with the exception of one or two, has been instantly healed, and two others have shown a marked improvement. An example is one with crippling arthritis and chest pains from an injured heart muscle. She was healed instantly. The pains went and the arm straightened out. We have noticed that especially the demons of pain and suffering leave at once. We believe that this is only the beginning of greater things God shall be doing in our midst.

Rev. Merrill C. Johnson
400 N. Crystal Ave.
Elgin, Illinois

Nov. 15, 1948

This paper is the most inspiring piece of literature, I have ever come in contact with.

Mrs. Lee Crig
102 W. 7th
Kennet, Mo.

EXPLOITS OF FAITH

TESTIMONIES FROM THE BRANHAM HEALING CAMPAIGNS

"But the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."—Daniel 11:32.

Report of Cancer Healing in Miami Meeting

(The following is an excerpt from a letter from Rev. Portinga, relating the unusual experience of his wife's healing in Miami, Florida last winter. This couple attended the recent meeting in Shreveport, La., and are now on the evangelistic field).

About twelve years ago the cancer of today's report became evident. Shortly after that time, Dr. Sanders at the Genessee Hospital in Rochester, N. Y., gave her six months to live. One would naturally wonder how one so seriously afflicted could continue to survive for over 11 years. But she was a woman of prayer and did continue to live but at the time of healing was certainly near the end of human endurance.



Mrs. Portinga

About three weeks before the "Little David" campaign in which Brother Branham was also to minister, came to Miami for their January meetings, it was revealed to her (who was then not yet my wife) that she would be healed in a large audience. Naturally, she began to wonder where she would find such an audience. When her neighbors came over with the newspaper notice of the meetings referred to, she was so overcome with assurance that the neighbors had to question her as to her sudden reactions. On the particular evening in which Brother Branham was to make his first appearance, my wife began testifying to the passengers on the bus en route to the meeting on West Flagler. They, of course, were curious to know how she knew that she was going to be healed. It aroused such interest that it seemed to her that many got off the bus just on purpose, the bus driver even expressing a desire to stop the bus and attend.

The large tent was being crowded, with room for the patients at a premium. Though suffering intensely, my wife arose and gave her seat to one that seemed more needy. At that time Brother Branham addressed the audience in these words: "If you people out there wanting to be prayed for have faith you won't need to get into

the prayer line. You can be healed where you are." There may have been others, but to the notice of the audience, there evidently was one in whom the Lord was pleased to confirm the word of Brother Branham. As she stood in the aisle, there appeared to her a grayish cloud out of which came in visionary form the hands of Jesus, passing through her body in the afflicted spot, also words of assurance, "Breathe in the breath of God and thou shalt be healed." Her breathing became noticeable to a great section of the audience while the power and glory of God was being manifested. Being unable to remain on her feet, she sank to the ground. Her cancer vanished without after effect, and not assuming the process most commonly taken. What more may have taken place during those moments, had she not been disturbed, may ever remain a secret until revealed.

A few evenings later, when called to the platform for a testimony, it was difficult for her to retain a good physical balance, due to the presence of God's power, but on her return to her seat she was delivered from sinus trouble as well as a cracked eardrum. Truly, we can declare with boldness to the heirs of God that victory is certain in the name of our blessed Lord Jesus.

Mr. and Mrs. Riner Portinga
Willmar, Minnesota

Special Delivery Letter Reports Recent Healing in Indianapolis

January 11, 1949.

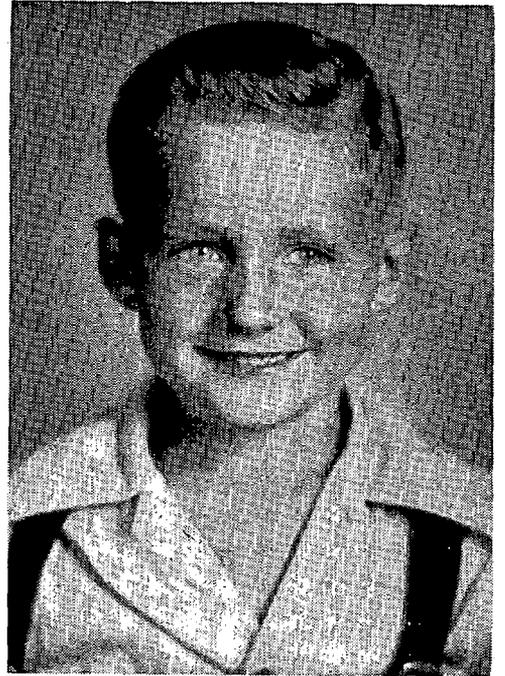
Dear Brother Branham:

For four weeks I suffered with a severe breaking out of blisters on my arms and hands. Two doctors held consultation, and they agreed that it was caused from nerves. During these four weeks, my medicines were changed several times, also the ointment and lotions that were used. All failed to give any relief. So it was decided upon to start making some allergy tests in a few days.

Before the appointed time to start making the allergy tests, you came to Rev. Hoekstra's church at Indianapolis, Indiana, for two services on Sunday, January 2, 1949. You prayed for me in the afternoon services and told me just exactly how I felt, and diagnosed my case as skin eruptions caused from nerves. The next day these blisters began to peel off, and have continued to dry up from day to day.

Yours for Christ,

Mrs. Earl Meeks
1001 South First St.
Frankfort, Indiana



Little Stanley Stidd

Indiana Boy, Formerly Deaf and Dumb, Now Speaking and Hearing

January 10, 1949.

Brother Branham:

I am sending in the testimony of my little 5-year-old son, who WAS a deaf mute. The Lord wonderfully healed him at Calvary Tabernacle in Indianapolis, Indiana, on January 2, 1949.

At the age of three months he fell off the bed and that deadened the nerves that led to his ears. That caused him to be deaf, and therefore, he couldn't talk.

You prayed for him, Brother Branham, and praise God, he can hear now. His hearing is perfect and he can say a few words. He has told us since how that when you prayed for him his ears opened and he heard the music.

The other evening he got a small Testament and opened to Mark 9:24 and 25, and wanted me to read it to him. Truly that was God!

Mrs. Donald Stidd
940 S. Grant St.
Martinsville, Indiana

Ed. Note—Mark 9:24-25 reads: "And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him."

The Reasonableness of Divine Healing

By Rev. Harvey McAlister

Rev. Harvey McAlister, Noted for many years for his excellent ministry of healing, explains with sound logic "The Reasonableness of Divine Healing"

The teaching regarding Divine Healing does not stand or fall with the successes or failures in its practice. One thousand failures would not prove it untrue; one thousand successes would not constitute it more true. All simply because it is not based upon human experiences alone, but is woven into the entire warp and woof of the Sacred Writings.

OUR GOD IS A REASONABLE GOD

Our God is a reasonable God. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord." The Bible is a reasonable book. The plan of Redemption is shot through with sound reason. And of necessity, one would naturally reason, if Divine Healing is ordained of God and in accord with the Scriptures, it is also within the bounds of sane and logical reason.

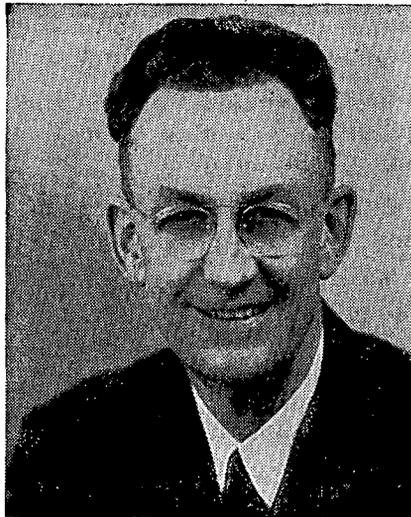
Accordingly we venture an inquiry—suggestive rather than exhaustive—into the possible causes of human ills and the reasonableness of recovery from the same by supernatural and spiritual means.

IF THE HUMAN FALL BROUGHT SICKNESS—REDEMPTION SHOULD BRING A REMEDY

Firstly then, if human physical disease result, generally speaking, because of sin's entrance into the world and the fall of man from his original created state, then it would be reasonable to conclude that there ought to be provision for recovery in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary. The one individual through whom sin gained entrance to the world was Adam. Sin, ever since it raised its ugly head in the Garden of Eden, has been a universal fact; and death is as universal as sin. "It is appointed unto man once to die." Two persons only—Enoch and Elijah—have not kept the engagement with death. Others who are believers in Christ and still alive at the time of Christ's Second Advent—by special Divine appointment—will follow their example. But these are the only two exceptions.

"For in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." The marginal reading of the authorized version is "dying thou shalt die." The dying condition is the result of sin as is the death state itself. And what else can the word "dying" infer than the sickly, diseased, and unnatural process within man's body which precedes death?

These texts obviously establish beyond possibility of refutation the fact that sickness and death are present in the world as an outcome of man's transgression.



Rev. McAlister

THE INESCAPABLE CONCLUSION IS THAT SICKNESS IS UNNATURAL

It is thus impossible to escape the conclusion, upon reading the Genesis story of creation, that man's original state was one of soundness and health and freedom from pain and mortality; that sickness and death formed no part of life's original program; that they both gained a foothold by means of man's fall from the original state of innocence; that they spring from a malignant evil outside the original constitution of nature; that they are abnormal and unnatural and they did not primarily result from natural causes.

And so the ultimate cause of physical disorder is sin. Its immediate cause may be malaria, extreme heat or cold, bad food or water, etc. But these abnormal conditions could never have existed, or, at any rate, would never have proven deleterious to the human race, had it never fallen under sin. The ground was cursed, and this may account for the introduction of those unnatural conditions that occasion sickness; or, if not, it certainly is true that—apart from sin—the body would not have been subject to sickness.

SIN AND SICKNESS RELATED

Alexander McLaren, the noted Bible expositor, speaking of Hebrew scholarship declared, "Hebrew thought drew no such sharp line of distinction between diseases of the body and those of the soul as we are accustomed to draw. All sickness was taken to be the consequences of sin."

And shall not all human physical diseases disappear when God's creation is finally cleansed from every stain of sin? Speaking of that blessed time in the new heaven and the new earth, John the Beloved in the Book of Revelation says, "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither

shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Evidently the "former things" here listed belong to a world laboring under the thrall of sin. They had no place in the original state, and they will have no place in the final new order.

DEMON POWER OVERCOME BY POWER OF SPIRIT

Secondly, if human physical diseases result—primarily—because of an invasion of the supernatural forces of evil into the realm of the human, and if back of certain, bodily infirmities there is a definite manifestation of demon-power, then it would be reasonable to conclude that the right and proper antidote in order for the overcoming of the evil would be the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit.

"Then was there brought unto Him one possessed with a devil, blind and dumb, and He healed him, inasmuch that the blind both spake and saw." And on this very occasion, when the Pharisees accused Him of doing His works through the power of the devil, Jesus said, "If I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God is come unto you."

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: Who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil."

Satan's power is supernatural. We are but frail and natural beings—poor match for the devil! If, back of certain bodily ailments, there is the hand of the Oppressor, the Destroyer, Satan, reason would suggest the absolute necessity for a supernatural power—greater in power than Satan's power—to intervene in our behalf in order for deliverance.

THE CURSE REMOVED THROUGH CALVARY

Thirdly, if human physical diseases were curses of a broken law, and we are told that they were, then it would be reasonable to conclude that the true remedy for the same would be the Cross of Calvary.

The Israelites, under the leadership of Moses, leave Egypt; pass through the divided Red Sea; journey into the wilderness until they reach Mount Sinai. There God proposes to them the law and they rashly accept it. In that very connection there were certain curses imposed in the event of their becoming unfaithful and their failing to keep the law.

SICKNESS PROMISED AS RESULT OF DISOBEDIENCE

"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee; and overtake thee. . . . The Lord shall smite thee with a con-

sumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning. . . . The Lord will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. The Lord shall smite thee with madness and blindness, and astonishment of heart. . . . The Lord shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head."

CHRIST REDEEMS US FROM THE CURSE

But why discuss further from this angle? For, if we are believers in Christ from among the Gentiles, then were we never under the law with its accompanying curses. And, if Israelites by natural birth, but now believers in Christ, then we can say with Paul, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."

Fourthly, in the event of human physical diseases being used by the Lord for the purposes of chastening His own, then it would be reasonable to conclude that the right and proper course of procedure in order for recovery would be an unreserved yieldness unto the Lord's discipline—an acquiescence in the matter while giving unto the Lord an earnest and attentive ear and heart—to ascertain just what lesson or lessons He is seeking to impart; and after having thereby learned the Lord's will, then a looking unto the Lord directly and definitely for deliverance. (Read carefully I Cor. 11:27-32.)

Fifthly, if human physical diseases occur as an apparent result of habitually living counter to the natural and physical laws, then reason would suggest—first of all—some commonsense changes in the mode of living in order to relieve the already overwrought natural healing forces within the body. In some instances the natural outcome of such action will mean a complete restoration to health. But oftentimes the physical constitution is so broken by disease—sometimes of years standing—as to render it well-nigh impossible for the power of nature, or human skill, to relieve. Then—if not at other times also?—it would be reasonable to conclude the necessity of supernatural means in order for recovery.

"But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you."

This text does not refer (as some would have us to believe) to the resurrection of the dead in Christ at the Second Advent of Christ. For the word "mortal" is never used in the Word of God with reference to the body after death, but always about the body in this life. Rotherham says, "death-doomed bodies."

It may refer to the change which shall take place in the bodies of Christians who are still alive when our Lord descends in

Incidents Reported After Shreveport Meet

By Mrs. GORDON LINDSAY

It is the normal desire of local churches who participate in Freeman Union Meetings to be able to point to definite "signs" or examples of the wonder-working power of Jesus, after the revival is over. This is a legitimate longing, for our Lord said that "these signs shall follow them that believe . . . they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."—Mark 16:17, 18.)

Immediately following the short five day Freeman Campaign in Shreveport, it was my pleasure to attend several regular services at Rev. Jack Moore's church, one of the cooperating groups. The testimony service rang with the praises to our Saviour for His Healing Touch.

One member of the church told how she planned to attend both daily services. The day the campaign began, she answered a knock at her door. There stood, unexpectedly, a man, his wife, and four children. They said that they had come to be prayed for, and could they stay in this home? Her first reaction was one of annoyance, for had she not planned to attend the services herself and get her own healing? Nevertheless, she invited them in.

Her visitors told her that in their community, 100 miles distant, a Catholic man brought them a copy of *The Voice of Healing*. They read the testimonies. Yes, that's what they needed—healing. The man had been unable to work for two years, due to a large tumor that covered his shoulder and neck—couldn't raise his arm. The wife had been sick for three years, much of the time bedfast, and scarcely able to digest even the lightest food. But where would they stay at Shreveport, since they had no friends there? A man who was unsaved heard of their plight, and though a sinner, encouraged them to go. He gave them the address of his Christian daughter, so here they were.

Though the wife was in bed and unable to eat anything right up to service time, they all went that night and were prayed for. God met them in a gracious way.

the clouds to claim His own. But, even if it does, it is in the direct line of correct exegesis to apply it to Divine Healing of the body in this life by the power of the Holy Spirit. For does not the Holy Spirit bring into these bodies of ours an earnest or fore-taste of that which shall be ours in the full at the time of the rapture at our Lord's return?

The full inheritance which shall be our portion at the coming of the Lord will mean the redemption of our mortal bodies. If that be a fact, then it would be reasonable to believe that an earnest or fore-taste of the full inheritance would mean a mighty quickening by the impartation of new life by the Holy Spirit here and now.

The wife, for the first time in nearly three years, developed a fierce appetite on the way home. At 1 A. M. that morning, her hostess made her a pan of biscuits, of which she ate five, plus a substantial quantity of everything else that was served. The next morning she arose, shouting the praises of God, for her complete healing. She washed and dried the dishes, swept the floor, and said she never felt better in her life. Her husband's tumor shrivelled up during the night; he could button his shirt collar once again—an impossibility before because of the size of the tumor), raise his arm, and not feel a single pain. What a happy household!

During the week they returned to their community and rounded up two carloads of sick folk to be prayed for on the concluding Sunday.

Oh, yes, the hostess? Well, when she saw these healings, she asked Jesus to forgive her for her attitude toward her unexpected guests, and she herself was completely healed of the rash that she had had for over a year.

BLINDNESS HEALED

We stayed over the following Sunday at Brother Moore's, and incidentally the Sunday School broke all records—371 were present. Enthusiasm was high during the one-day contest. At the close of the Sunday School, a little eight year old girl, who had been cross-eyed, blind in one eye, and had worn heavy glasses, was brought to me. We placed her on a chair on the platform so that everyone could see her. There she was, her eyes perfectly straight, and seeing well out of both eyes. She said that she hadn't worn glasses since Brother Freeman had prayed for her, that she could see everything now, and besides she had gotten 100 in school every day this week.

Space does not permit further accounts, but the "signs" are in abundance for the honest seeker. Other cooperating churches report like testimonies among their constituency.

"And what is the transcendent greatness of His power in us believers, as seen in the working of His infinite might when He displayed it in Christ by raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His own right hand in the heavenly realms."—Weymouth's Translation.

The power that brought the Christ from the death state to the resurrection state, and then to the heavenly realms, namely, the power of the Holy Spirit, is now within us as believers and is sufficient to quicken our mortal bodies into new vigor and vitality here and now, and to change and fashion these bodies of our humiliation until they resemble His own glorious body at the time of His glorious coming in the clouds of heaven.

The World in Prophecy

THE BIBLE AND THE END

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(Not many years ago it was supposed by many that the great judgments spoken of in prophetic passages were only symbolic. But the fantastic is now coming to pass, and to those things spoken of by the Scripture are actually being fulfilled in our time. Rev. Turvey takes certain familiar passages of prophecy and lets the reader draw the obvious conclusions of the literal fulfillment of these Scriptures.)

The Scripture passages presented below are highly significant. Critics and skeptics, who, in the past, have criticized the idea of a literal fulfillment of these sensational prophecies, should now humbly and solemnly bow before the eternal God, who is the True Author of the words of the Holy Writ.

Today, before our very eyes, we are witnessing the beginning of a literal fulfillment of prophecies which unbelievers, down through the ages, have branded as figurative, highly imaginative, and fantastic. But we should always remember that the Bible is history pre-written and God's Book is scientifically correct. The Bible is still ahead of the human race, both scientifically and historically.

LIQUID FIRE

"A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea and nothing shall escape them." (Joel 2:3.)

BOMBING PLANES

"Like the noise of chariots on the tops of the mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as A STRONG PEOPLE SET IN BATTLE ARRAY" (Joel 2:5).

THE ATOMIC BOMB

"And men were scorched with brest heat, and blasphemed the name of God" (Rev. 16:9).

"And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake. . . . And the great city was divided into three parts, and THE CITIES OF THE NATIONS FELL. . . . And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found" (Rev. 16:18-20).

CITY OF BABYLON DESTROYED IN

"ONE HOUR"—ATOMIC DESTRUCTION?

"The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying . . . Alas, alas, that great city. . . ."

"For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. . . ."

"And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning. . . . And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing" (Rev. 18:15-19).

DEATH-DEALING RAYS

The people "shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment" (Rev. 18:10). From

exploding uranium there emanates rays which destroy human blood and effect sterility.

ONE-THIRD OF HUMAN RACE KILLED

"By these three was THE THIRD PART OF MEN KILLED, by the FIRE, and by the SMOKE, and by the BRIMSTONE" (Rev. 9:18).

"Brimstone" is "sulphur" in the original Greek. Sulphur is used extensively in the manufacture of explosives.)

coming on the earth; for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26). ((In both Scriptures "heaven" is translated from the Greek word "uoranus."—Ed.)

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS

"Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: . . . For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom" (Matt. 24:7).



If the first A-Bomb, which was more or less experimental, could wreak such destruction, what could happen if bombs, (reported by our government to be ten times as destructive now) do when dropped on a great city? Moreover, the bomb is the deadliest when dropped in water, creating a great death-mist. Multitudes would perish from contact with deadly rays, and whole areas rendered uninhabitable. —Wide-World Photos.

ATOMIC BOMB DROPPED IN OCEAN

"A great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; and the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed" (Rev. 8:8-9).

ATOMIC POWER IN THE HANDS OF SATAN

"And he (The Beast) doth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men" (Rev. 13:13).

INCREASE IN HEART FAILURE

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are

FAMINES—PESTILENCES—EARTHQUAKES

"There shall be famines . . . pestilences . . . earthquakes" (Matt. 24:7).

UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

"For my determination is to gather the nations that I may assemble the kingdoms" (Zeph. 3:8).

GOD'S JUDGMENT TO STRIKE

"That I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger" (Zeph. 3:8).

FALSE CRY OF "PEACE AND SECURITY"

"For when they shall say, PEACE AND SAFETY," (the original word is "security,") "then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with

child! and they shall not escape" (I Thes. 5:3).

A GENERATION OF SCOFFERS

"There shall come in the last days SCOFFERS, walking after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming?'" (II Peter 3:3-4).

(While a deluded world thinks it is preparing for "Peace and Security," it is in reality only ASSEMBLING ITSELF TOGETHER FOR THE MASS SLAUGHTER of one-third of the earth's population. Peace doesn't come through "world organizations," . . . it comes only through Christ, the coming Prince of Peace, whom the world-organization planners and plotters have rejected.)

"SUDDEN DESTRUCTION"

"When they shall say, Peace and safety; THEN SUDDEN DESTRUCTION COMETH upon them" (I Thes. 5:3).

(This sounds like the destructive force of the atomic bomb.)

ASTROLOGERS FAIL

"Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.

"Behold they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame" (Isa. 47:13-14).

JUDGMENT UPON THE EARTH

"Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

"And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit. . . . The earth is moved exceedingly.

"The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again" (Isa. 24:17-20).

UNGODLY LEADERS OVERTHROWN

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

"And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison" (Isa. 24:2, 22).

WORLD LEARNS THE HARD WAY

"When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness" (Isa. 26:9).

GOD'S ENEMIES PERISH

"Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

"As smoke is driven away, as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God" (Psalm 68:1, 2).

GOD'S PEOPLE REJOICE

"But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

"Sing unto God, sing praises to his

The significant news of the past month in the light of prophecy

The Month in Prophecy

THE FALL OF NORTH CHINA

The struggle for the control of Berlin has kept the spotlight of public attention upon Germany. The spectacular work of the American airlift, which, by a miracle of air engineering kept millions of Germans supplied with minimum food and fuel, has had the result in giving the average American the idea that "the cold war" is now turning in our favor. Nothing could be further from the truth. A skillful general always attempts to divert attention to some other sector than where he really intends to strike. As far as Germany is concerned, Russia is in a position the moment she desires, to take control of the entire European mainland. Atomic bombs might be used in halting the westward tide of the Russians. But to drop them on European cities thus destroying great masses of population in the overrun countries, would produce a universal hostility against us. No, Europe and the Levant, center of the activities of the Beast Power of prophecy, is as good as lost to us.

In the meantime, Russia has secured a momentous victory. The Communists of North China, secretly supported by the Soviet Union, has broken the power of Chiang Kai-Shek. The Red tide now moves steadily south, engulfing the great populations of that country. The wife of the generalissimo has made a futile trip to America for help. She returns empty-handed. It is the last gesture. China is lost.

Thus while Russia maneuvered in a gigantic feint, to attract attention in the West, her plans in reality envisioned the swift control of China. General Douglas MacArthur has been quick to realize the significance of what has happened. He has announced that a Red victory in China jeopardizes the U. S. position in the East, and calls for an immediate reinforcing

name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens" (Psalm 68:3, 4).

WHY THE WORLD SUFFERS

"And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew his people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, WHEREFORE HATH THE LORD PRONOUNCED ALL HIS GREAT EVIL AGAINST US? or WHAT IS OUR INIQUITY? or WHAT IS OUR SIN THAT WE HAVE COMMITTED against the Lord our God?

"Then shalt thou say unto them—

"BECAUSE your fathers have forsaken me, saith the Lord, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me; and have not kept my law;

"AND YE HAVE DONE WORSE THAN YOUR FATHERS: for behold, YE WALK EVERY ONE AFTER THE IMAGINATION OF HIS EVIL HEART, that

of American position in the Orient. The Russian Bear at this very moment, no doubt, is looking westward toward Alaska, which she knows only too well is ill prepared to withstand an attack.

THE NEW SUBMARINE MENACE

Victory in previous wars has always depended on our control of the sea. We almost lost in 1942. Invention of the sonar and a few other scientific devices turned the tide in our favor; after staggering losses in ships and equipment. The submarine has always been vulnerable because of the fact that she had to surface, in order to expel the fumes of batteries being recharged. Now a new submarine, the Schnorkel, has been developed that does not need to surface, but can continue under water indefinitely at periscope depth. It can cruise at speeds in which sound-detecting equipment is inaccurate. *Russia has the Schnorkel, perhaps several hundred of them.*

SPIES IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT

With the exception of a few brave souls who have had the boldness to cry out against the secret infiltration of Soviet spies into our government, most Americans who have supposed themselves well informed, have had little idea of the degree of fifth column work that went on. Only when Whittaker Chambers, former senior editor of *Time* magazine, (self-confessed former spy himself, who has apparently repented of his former connections) has made public revelations, backed up by stolen documents as evidence, has America woke up and discovered to her horror, that a spy-ring existed right in the state department. Alger Hiss, president of the Carnegie Peace Foundation, a former high-ranking officer in the state department, has now been indicted for espionage.

they may not hearken unto me" (Jer. 16:10, 11)

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

WORLD WAR II is only the beginning of a series of judgments which God will pour out upon the world BECAUSE OF SIN.

"There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked" (Isa. 48:22).

The world may cry, "Peace and Security!" but there is no peace. Holy Writ informs us that "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (II Tim. 3:13).

The world is daily growing worse. Sin is rampant. The ungodly have become so brazen that they glory in their shame.

Henceforth, we may expect to see God's judgments multiplied through increasing violence in the realm of nature as well as violence in the human realm.

Smith Wigglesworth . . . Apostle of Faith

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to see that he carried out the law—and he was equal to the situation. He asked all that were sick to stand if they could; and failing that, to indicate their need in some way and he would pray for them. He said, "Now each one lay hands on himself and I'm going to pray that the Lord will heal you." The sick people laid their hands on their afflicted parts and he prayed a simple prayer of faith. Hundreds were blessed and healed as a result. In this way he kept within the law.

Frequently his methods were misunderstood and his motives misinterpreted. Yet he persevered lovingly with a single eye toward God and a holy sincerity toward the people. He was not moved by criticism. He would say, "I am not moved by what I see or hear; I am moved by what I believe."

KING GEORGE V SENDS THANKS FOR HANDKERCHIEF

Speaking of the power of faith in God, he said, "There is something about believing in God that makes God willing to pass over a million people just to anoint you. I believe God will always turn out to meet you on a special line if you dare to believe Him." Wigglesworth was far from sectarian; throughout his whole life he was unattached to any religious body. His heart of love went out to all the saints. One Episcopal minister arranged a tent meeting for him in London. Incidentally, one time when King George V was sick this Episcopal minister's wife sent a handkerchief to him that Wigglesworth had prayed over, and received a letter of thanks for sending the same.

SECRET OF HIS POWER

Many zealous souls sought to learn the secret of his power, but he was reluctant to tell them. However, after he had prayed about the matter the Lord gave him liberty to tell those who had inquired the secret of his deep spiritual ministry. He said, "Years ago the Spirit of God began to speak to me, but I was too busy to heed His voice. He persisted, until I commenced to go aside when He spoke, so that I could hear what the Lord God had to say. This became my manner of life. I obeyed His pleading voice; until now at the slightest breath of the Spirit, I leave everyone and everything to be in His Presence, to hear and to obey His Word."

One who knew him intimately wrote of him: "When the mail arrived at his home and the time for opening of the letters came, we all had to stop whatever we were doing and get under the burden. There was nothing rushed or slipshod about his methods of dealing with these pathetic appeals for help. Everyone in the house must join in prayers and lay hands on the handkerchiefs sent out to the suffering ones. They

were treated as though the writers were present in person. Each request was dealt with separately and sincerely, and thousands of grateful people all over the world testified to the outcome of this compassionate ministry."

It could be said of Smith Wigglesworth that he was unique, original, illimitable. He was too sincere to be a mimic, too transparent to be imitated. There were those who sought to borrow his innovations, but they found that these imitations were as incongruous to them as Saul's armor was to David, as useless as Elisha's rod to Gehazi, and as revealing as was the terrible experience of the seven sons of Sceva who sought to cast out demons in the name of Christ whom Paul preached.

To the end he kept financially clean and could truthfully say, "I have coveted no man's silver or gold." He could lock his lips, seal his heart and smile through in public, and yet be carrying loads that would break a giant's back. When any church was seeking him for a campaign, one of the terms on which he insisted was that there should be one or more missionary offerings. He would not ask anything for himself but he could ask largely for those who were preaching the gospel in the regions beyond. He said to us one time, "I would like to see my picture taken at the time that I am writing a missionary check. That is the time that I really look happy."

While he knew the value and the need of money, he knew too its snare. In planning his itineraries and acknowledging offers for campaigns in different churches, the financial remuneration was never the deciding factor. Prospects could be elusive and promises could break down. These things he knew from bitter experience. But he had proved that by putting God first, all the resources of God were at his disposal.

Send us your Testimony of Healing. Others may be inspired to greater faith through your experience. Enclose photograph of yourself, if possible.

Poem Reveals Saint's Homegoing

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Only the image of His life resplendent;
Only the mirror of His life is she.

See with what signs of joy they bear her onward!
How that the Heavens ring with glad acclaim!
What is the shout they raise while soaring upward?
Welcome! Thrice welcome, thou, in Jesus' name!

Rest in the Mansion by thy Lord prepared thee,
Out of the loving deeds which thou hast done,
Furnished through thoughts and acts which have portrayed Me
Unto a lost world as their Christ alone.

Hear how thy heavenly harp is ringing!
Touched are its strings with hands by thee unseen,
Note that the music's of thine own creating,
Heaven's melodies in hearts where sin has been.

Freeman in Los Angeles

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was delivered and the expression on her face was marvelous to behold. The mother stood weeping tears of joy and the whole audience was moved by emotion as they witnessed the mighty power of God. Truly one is reminded of the days of Jesus, when the multitude saw the mighty works of God, and said one to another, "We have seen strange things today." One healing which profoundly affected the audience was that of a missionary who had been in a Japanese concentration camp. As a result of the torture and ill treatment she received, she lost her power of speech. What a joy to witness her deliverance and what an expression came upon her face when she found she could speak again and praise God.

At the time of writing the meetings are continuing, with increasing blessing and many are being saved.

ORAL ROBERTS MEETINGS

As a special service to our readers we shall carry a monthly schedule of the Oral Roberts Meetings, in accordance with a working agreement we have with our brother, whom God is blessing in the deliverance of thousands.

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